- Banks to explore new instruments for promoting rural industry and to improve the flow of credit to rural artisans, industries and rural entrepreneurs.
- To enhance the composite loan limit for SSI entrepreneurs from Rs. 50 lakh to Rs. 1 crore.

(d) Does not arise.

Functioning of Tamil Nadu Mercantile Bank

30. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tamil Nadu Mercantile Bank is recognized and registered with the RBI;

(b) if so, whether RBI monitors its functions to some extent;

(c) whether it is also a fact that over the last three years, there has been instability in the functioning of bank;

(d) whether RBI has noted the various problems plaguing the management of this Bank; and

(e) what steps RBI proposes to take to upgrade the managements of all such banks, which are registered with the RBI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the House to the extent available.

Financial Assistance to Karnataka for cleansing of Balance sheets of Co-operative Structure

31. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Finance has received any proposal from the State Government of Karnataka for sanction of financial assistance required to cleanse the Balance Sheet of the co-operative structure; and

(b) if so, the status of the same and the reasons for the delay, if any? .